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SUBJ: U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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1. CHAMBER OFFICIALS MET WITH COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR CHRISTOV JANUARY 11 AND DISCUSSED REVISED DRAFT OF AGREEMENT. CHRISTOV WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE FORWARDED REVISED DRAFT TO BULGARIAN CHAMBER SHORTLY THEREAFTER.
2. DATES FOR FORMAL SIGNING CEREMONY IN WASHINGTON WERE ALSO DISCUSSED WITH CHRISTOV. MID-MARCH WAS SUGGESTED.
3. U.S. CHAMBER IS EMBARRASSED AND UPSET THAT BULGARIANS QUESTIONING SINCERITY OF ARRANGEMENT. YET, APPARENTLY NO THANK YOU NOTE WAS SENT BY GOLDY TO RAZLOGOV, BUT CHAMBER PROMISES TO CONTACT BULGARIAN CHAMBER DIRECTLY, SHORTLY.

4. AT ITS DISCRETION POST MAY WISH TO ASSURE

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BULGARIANS THAT CHAMBER FULLY INTENDS TO MOVE AHEAD

WITH AGREEMENT AND POINT OUT THAT CHAMBER OFFICIALS
HAVE IN FACT BEEN MEETING WITH CHRISTOV AS EVIDENCE
OF SINCERITY. YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO EXPRESS OUR
APPRECIATION FOR ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY THE CHAMBER
TO AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN AND NOTE WE CONSIDER CO-
OPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO CHAMBERS A USE-
FUL STEP IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF TRADE RELATIONS. KISSINGER

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